(viii) Sundergarh District (Orissa)

(ix) Akaltara (Chhattisgarh)

Out of the above mentioned sites bidding process in respect of first two sites, that is Sasan (Madhya Pradesh) and Mundra (Gujarat) has been completed. In addition to these, bidding process in respect of Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Tilaiya (Jharkhand) has been initiated. Bidding process in respect of remaining five sites in contingent upon the requisite clearances from the State authorities. Ministry of Power has written to concerned State Governments to provide the requisite clearances/ examine the feasibility of alternate sites for development of Ultra Mega Power Projects in the respective States.

Facilities for Tehri Dam displaced

4224. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether THDC has provided water connections to all of Tehri Dam displaced in Athurvala Visthapith area;

(b) whether water pipelines in the area have not been changed for the past thirty years;

(c) whether Government are aware of the acute water scarcity in the area;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the water supply in the area;

(e) by when the existing-pipelines are likely to be replaced;

(f) whether additional tubewells would be installed to provide drinking water to all homes;

(g) if so,by when; and

(h) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (h) Athurvala Visthapith area, Dehradun was developed for resettlement of oustees of Tehri Dam project by the Rehabilitation Directorate of Government of Uttaranchal at the cost of the Tehri Hydro Electric Project. All the in frastructural facilities including water supply and water pipelines etc. were devebped and handed over to concerned department of State Government.

The areas has since been declared as Revenue Village and all the public facilities are being maintained by the concerned department of the State Government The Maintenance of water supply system is with the Uttarakhand Garhwal Jal Sansthan under the State Government of Uttarakhand.

Under the rehabilitation Policy, the responsibility of Project Authorities was to make one time Capital Expenditure for setting up the infrastructure for rehabilitated families. Subsequent maitenance is to be undertaken by the local authorities. However, the water supply scheme was maintained by the Project Authorities as a goodwill gesture for several years on account of delay in taking over of the facility by the State Government Agency.

THDC have informed that they have provided drinking water facilities to all the oustees of Tehri Dam Project resettled at Athurvala (Bhaniyawala) Visthapith Area, District Dehradun.

The water supply scheme has since been taken over by the Uttarakhand Garhwal Jal Sansthan, Government of Uttarakhand, in June, 2006 which is undertaking its operation and maintenance etc. including augmentation for meeting the future needs.

Progress of Rural Electrification in Uttar Pradesh

†4225. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the progress of electrification in the villages of Uttar Pradesh under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) whether all the villages of the State would be electrified within the time limit prescribed by the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made by Government to improve the power transmission system and also to check the theft of power so that uninterrupted power supply could be maintained in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) 24339 un-electrified villages have been reported electrified under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in Uttar Pradesh by the

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